

Letter from Simon Newcomb to Alexander Graham Bell, May 26, 1884

Washington, D. C. May 26th. 1884. Dear Professor Bell;

The remarkable agreement between the ratio of congenital and non-congenital cases in the census reports and in the numbers married affords a strong confirmation of the probable soundness of the conclusion I indicated to you. The small discrepancy to which you allude probably arose from the 25 "not stated" cases.

I return you the tables.

Yours very truly, S. Newcomb Professor A.G. Bell, 1500 R.I. Ave. Washington, D.C.

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Analysis of 22,472 cases of deaf-mutes from the Census Return classified according to the period when deafness occurred.

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Period	Congenital	Non-congenital	Total
1781–1785	404		
1786–1790	505		
1791–1795	152	17	169
1796–1800	486	54	540
1801–1805	7910	89	7989
1806–1810	16243	205	16448
1811–1815	19382	275	19657
1816–1820	279145	424	28338
1821–1825	328136	464	33100
1826–1830	423171	594	428165
1831–1835	477240	717	484957
1836–1840	601274	875	609149
1841–1845	719403	1,122	720525
1846–1850	895492	1,387	903879
1851–1855	998645	1,643	1,000288
1856–1860	1,462809	2,271	1,464080
1861–1865	1,6391,738		3,377
1866–1870	1,7591,882	3,641	3,640541
1871–1875	1,5852,641	4,226	4,227806
1876–1880	843599		843599
1,082 Total	12,154	10,318	22,472